

## Revised Passage: Duties of Highland Beach Nature Preservation Advisory Board

### Sec. 2-140. Powers and Duties.

The powers and duties of the natural resources preservation advisory board shall include the following:

- (a) **Coordinate and Promote Environmental Initiatives:** Coordinate and promote activities related to environmental initiatives, including beach clean-ups, sea turtle conservation/team, dunes preservation, Intercoastal clean up and management, and Florida friendly green landscaping.
- (b) **Review and Advise on Town Ordinances/Policies:** Review existing and proposed town ordinances, policies, and regulations affecting the environment, and advise the town commission on necessary modifications or changes.
- (c) **Advocate for Environmental Protection:** Advocate for environmental protection by promoting sustainable practices, raising awareness of environmental issues, concerns relating to plastics, and supporting initiatives to reduce the town's environmental footprint. Assist in the efforts to encourage homeowners and associations to keep adequate levels of vegetation on the beach to avoid erosion.
- (d) **Monitor and Address Environmental Concerns:** Monitor environmental conditions within the town, identify potential threats or concerns, and recommend appropriate actions to mitigate or address them to town commission.
- (e) **Collaborate with Community Partners:** Collaborate with local organizations, businesses, and residents to develop and implement environmental initiatives and programs.
- (f) **Provide Expert Advice:** Provide expert advice and recommendations to the town commission on matters related to natural resources, environmental protection, and sustainability.
- (g) **Represent the Town on Environmental Issues:** Represent the town on regional or state environmental boards or committees, as appropriate and approved by the town commission.
- (h) **Educate the Public:** Develop and implement public education programs to raise awareness of environmental issues and promote sustainable practices among residents, businesses, and visitors.
- (h) **Perform Other Duties/Reviews as Assigned:** Perform other duties as assigned or requested by the town commission.